

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: YAGI, Noriko et al. Conf.:
Appl. No.: NEW Group:
Filed: July 27, 2001 Examiner:
For: RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TYRE TREADS AND
PNEUMATIC TYRE HAVING TREAD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 27, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A pneumatic tyre, which has a tread made of the rubber composition of claim 1.

Please add the new following claims:

5. A pneumatic tyre, which has a tread made of the rubber composition of claim 2.

6. A pneumatic tyre, which has a tread made of the rubber composition of claim 3.

REMARKS

The amendment to claim 4 is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A pneumatic tyre, which has a tread made of the rubber composition of [claim 1, 2, or 3]. Claim 1

Claims 5 and 6 have been added.